MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The actual enquiry has not yet been started. As I said already, the Commissioner is examining the papers, and correspondence is going on between the Government, the Commissioner and the Advocate-General.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the Resident Engineer concerned is on leave now?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: He has been given notice to quit and as he is eligible for some leave he may be permitted to avail himself of the leave due to him according to the orders to be passed hereafter.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether he is in Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: He is not in Travancore.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the enquiry is to proceed in his absence?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: It is presumed and st is certain that he will take part in the proceedings when the actual proceedings are started.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI May I know the ground on which he was granted leave when his conduct itself was in question?

PRESIDENT: Order order. Is he in service now?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No; he was given notice to quit.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I heard the Chief Secretary to say that he was on leave.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The Chief Secretary said that notice under the covenant was given terminating his serrices. But under the covenant he is entitled to some leave.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Was he permitted to go on leave in spite of his irregular official conduct?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The Gevernment have not considered whether he should forfeit his leave.

PRESIDENT: That too is *sub judice*?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Is he in receipt of any leave allowance?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No, Sir.

Expenditure on the University Stadium.

204 ***MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount spent for the University Stadium?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Rs. 4,550.

Appointment of the Telephone Engineer.

205 ***MR. K. T. THOMAS** (*Thiruvella*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualifications of the Telephone Engineer;

(*b*) whether he is one retired from service in British India:

(*c*) if so, what his office and designation were prior to appointment in Travancore service;

(*d*) whether he has any special training in Telephone Engineering;

(*e*) if so, what

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(*f*) whether at the time he was appointed, there were not men in the Travancore service who possessed special training in Telephone Engineering;

(*g*) whether the installation and working of Telephone in Trivandrum have not been under the direction and supervision of Engineers in Travancore service;

(*h*) whether the officers contemplated in part (*g*) are not still in service; and

(*i*) whether Government had advertised the post and, if not why not?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*): (*a*) Underwent course in Telegraph Engineering including survey and building construction in Sibpur College, Calcutta (obtained Honours with 89% on the aggregate number of marks).

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Division Engineer, Telegraph, Trichinopoly Division. Government of India Posts and Telegraphs Department.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 1. Research work in the office of the Electrical Engineer in Chief, Alipore, Calcutta for about 10 years. Received awards from the Government of India for original electrical devices.

2. Lecturer in the above office for about 10 years. Lectured to special classes of Direct" recruits consisting of mostly B. Scs., and a few M. Scs., on the subject of High Speed Multiplex Telegraph and Telephone Communication Engineering.

3. Experience in Telephone Development as Divisional Engineer, Telegraphs, Posts and Telegraph Department.

(*f*) Yes, but not with such experience.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) No. Since the selection was made by the Government of India as agreed to by this Government, in connection with the negotiations between the two Governments relating to the Trunk Telephone System.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether the Engineer who are in Travancore service referred to in part (*g*) are still in service?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether they are under the Telephone Engineer who has been appointed?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: No, Sir.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether Government does not think it desirable that the Telephone Engineers already in service should have training under this officer?

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MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: The Telephone Engineers referred to in (*g*) are engaged in other works now.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I take it that they are now doing a work other than Telephone Engineering?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: They are engaged in other electrical works.

Labourers and Kanganies of Sri Chitra Muthuswamy Salt pans, Kovalam.

206 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether certain grievances of the labourers and *kanganies* of Sri Chitra Muthuswamy Salt Pans, Kovalam, have been brought to their notice; and

(*b*) if so, whether any and what action has been taken by them?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of answer to part (*a*) this question does not arise.

Statement by caste, of clerks in the Account Office.

207 *MR. D. FRANCIS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*); Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table, a statement, by caste, of clerks in the Account Office?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The statement required is placed on the table.

Recruitment to the Excise Department.

208 *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether during the last two Excise recruitments any persons from the Varnavar Community (Pathiyan, Mannan, Vannan, Ettali, Purathon, Chayakkaran, Velan, Neriyan, Paravan) have been selected as Excise peons or as any other employees; and

(*b*) if so, the names of such posts and the number of hands selected from them?

MR M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two were selected as temporary V Grade Peons.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: ഈ രണ്ടുപേർ ആരെല്ലാമാണെന്നും അവരുടെ പേരെന്താണെന്നും പറയാമോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANITA AIYAR: ശശാധരൻ, മാതേവൻ നാരായണൻ ഇവരാണ് ആ രണ്ടുപേരും.

Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department.

209 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of supernumerary Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department after the reorganisation;

* *Vide* Appendix III—page 849.

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